

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A plastic container, comprising:
a finish portion; and
a generally cylindrical main body portion, said main body portion comprising a sidewall having a plurality of generally vertical ribs defined therein, said sidewall further having a plurality of generally horizontal wave shaped ribs defined therein, at least one of said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs having an amplitude that is within a range of about 4.5 percent to about 30 percent of its wavelength, and at least one of said generally vertical ribs intersecting with more than one of said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs, whereby enhanced strength characteristics are imparted to the container.
2. (Original) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said container is fabricated from a plastic material comprising polyethylene terephthalate.
3. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of generally vertical ribs comprises at least one rib that is inwardly oriented.
4. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of generally horizontal wave shaped ribs comprises at least one rib that is inwardly oriented.
5. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of generally horizontal wave shaped ribs comprises a plurality of wave shaped ribs that extend generally parallel to each other.
6. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs are shaped so as to have a common amplitude and a common wavelength.
7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 6, wherein said sidewall has an outer circumference, and said wavelength of said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs is within a range of about 6 percent to about 40 percent of said outer circumference.
9. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said at least one generally vertical rib intersects said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs at a location of maximum amplitude of each intersected horizontal wave shaped rib.
10. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said at least one generally vertical rib intersects said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs at a location of minimum amplitude of each intersected horizontal wave shaped rib.
11. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein more than one of said generally vertical ribs intersect more than one of said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs, and each intersected horizontal wave shaped rib is intersected within each wavelength.
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 11, wherein the locations of said generally vertical ribs are harmonized with respect to a waveform of at least one of said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs.
14. (Cancelled).
15. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs are defined on a generally convex outer surface of said generally cylindrical main body portion.

16. (Previously Presented) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said generally horizontal wave shaped ribs extend all the way about an outer circumference of said generally cylindrical main body portion.

17-31. (Cancelled).